



Microgrids for Community Resilience Webinar

Colorado Resilience Office
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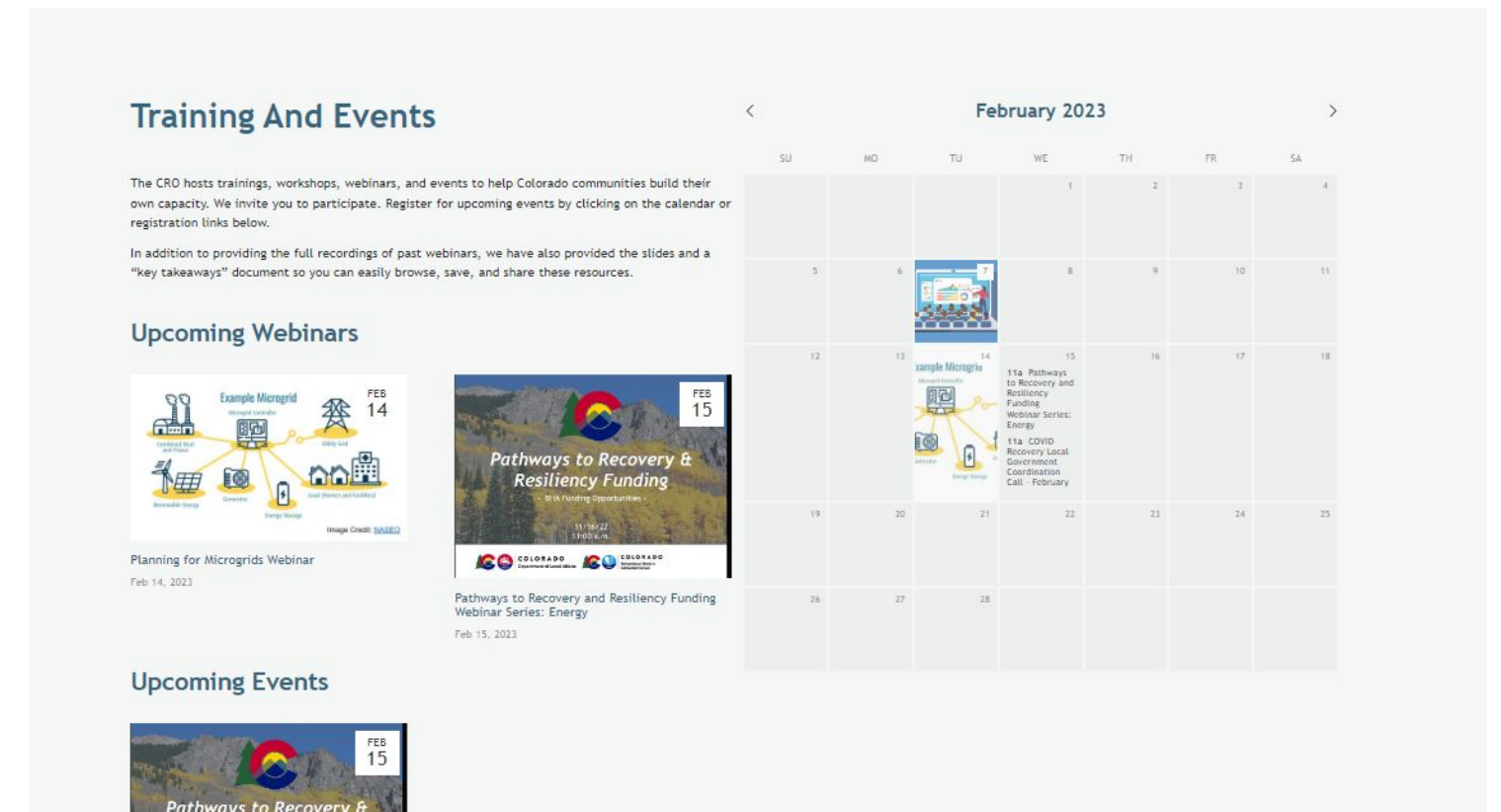
Agenda

- CRO
 - Microgrids for Community Resilience (MCR) Program
 - Existing Colorado microgrid projects
- DOE CHP TAP representatives' presentation
 - About the CHP TAPs
 - About microgrids
 - Project Profiles
 - How to work with the CHP TAPs
- Upcoming microgrids technical assistance
- Q&A



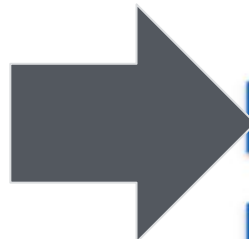
CRO Climate Webinars Overview

- Held quarterly in 2023
 - Continuation of [series from 2021](#)
 - Microgrid-related 2021 webinars on [Energy Resiliency through Microgrids](#) & [San Miguel County Clean Energy Projects](#)
- Target Audience: local governments & partners
- Purpose:
 - Colorado-focused education on solutions and actions that can be taken to address climate change



Local Funding Guide

Local Community Funding Guide



Category: Energy Water & Environment (1) ▾

Program ▾

Award Type ▾

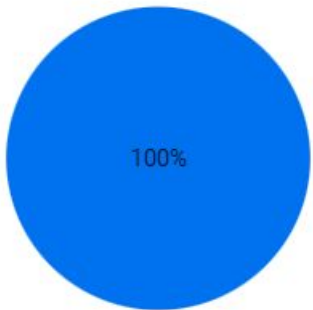
Type of Funding ▾

Agency ▾

Eligibility ▾

Total Current Funding Opportunities

19



● Energy Water & Environment

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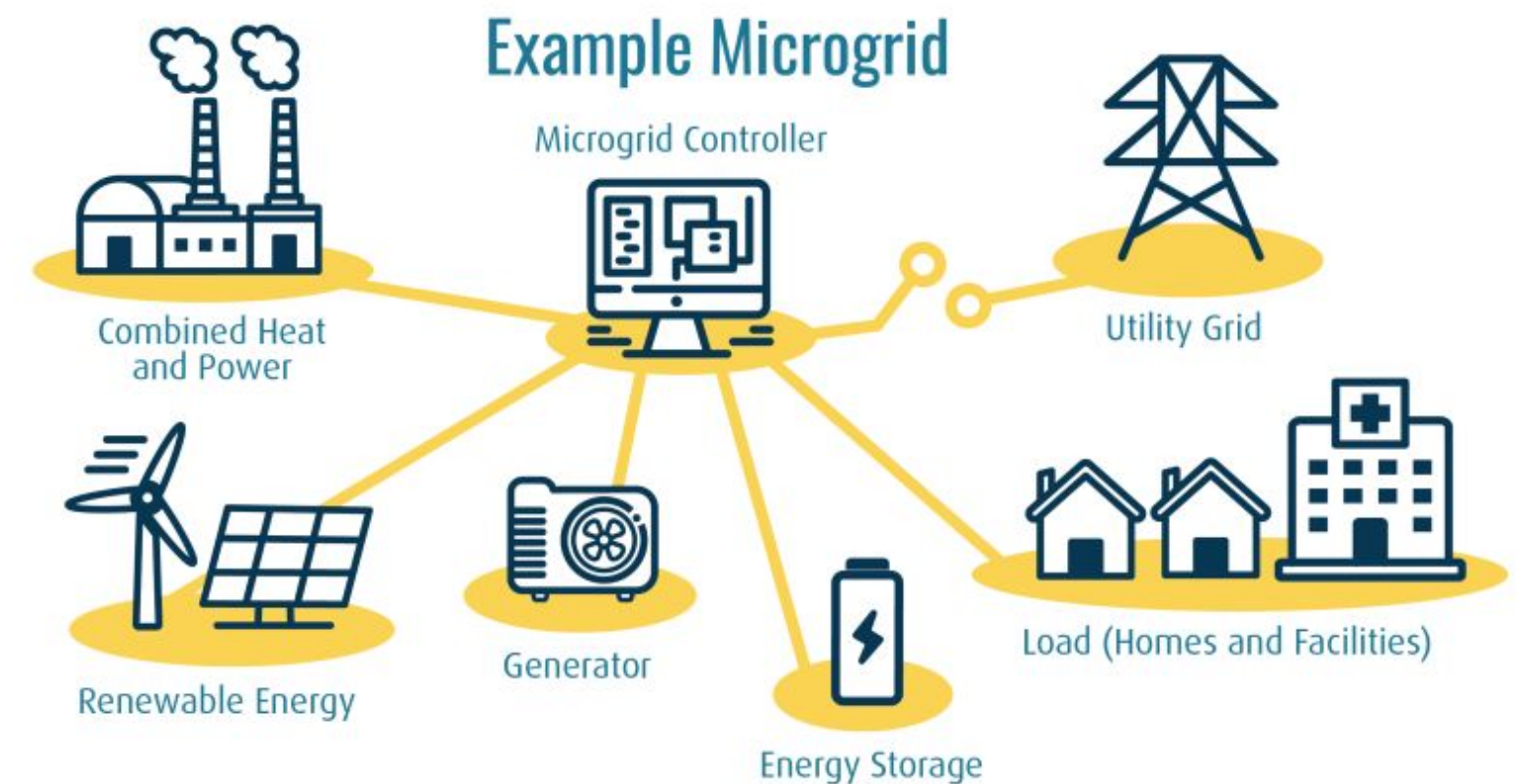


Funding Category	Award Type ▾	Agency	Program	Funding Type	Eligible Groups	Application Availability	Application Deadline
Energy Water & Environment	Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA)	Department of Energy	Energizing Rural Communities Prize	Grants	Local Governments	February	-
Energy Water & Environment	American Rescue Plan Act	Department of Natural Resources	Federal Technical Assistance Grants	Technical Assistance	Local Governments, Municipalities, Counties, Districts, Nonprofits, Private Entities	Check Program information	-
Energy Water & Environment	American Rescue Plan Act	Colorado Energy Office	Energy Office Weatherization Assistance Grants: SB21-231	Grants	Individuals	Check Program Information	-
Energy Water & Environment	-	Colorado Water Conservation Board	Water Project Loan Program	Loans	Local Governments, Nonprofits, Water Entities, Public Entities, Private Entities	Rolling, Annual	-



What is a microgrid?

The Department of Energy defines a microgrid as “a group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources within clearly identified electrical boundaries that acts as a single controllable entity with respect to the grid.”



	MCR Planning Grants	MCR Construction/ Implementation Grants
Application Period	Feb 6 - March 31, 2023	Expected mid-2023
Max Award	\$36,000	\$1,005,000
Match Requirement	25% - cash match required	33% - in-kind contributions eligible
Appropriated for Year 1	\$399,000	\$1,295,261
Purpose	Grants can apply for funds for engineering, planning, pro forma, or feasibility/scoping studies to develop/explore new microgrid facilities.	Grants can apply for funds to develop new microgrid facilities, including shovel-ready projects. Priority will be given to projects leveraging pre-existing assets



Microgrids in Colorado

Red Feather Lakes (Poudre Valley REA)

- Town with one transmission line installed \$1.5M microgrid system:
 - a 140-KW, 446-KWh Tesla Powerpack battery,
 - 8-KW of solar photovoltaic,
 - and a 130-KW propane generator.
- Resiliency and emergency response supported for remote community
- Developed through local, regional, and national partnership, and included funding from NREA, DOE, and others



Microgrids in Colorado

Pitkin County

- Funded partially through DOLA (RENEW EIAF grant), who awarded \$1.7M
 - Total project estimated to cost \$3.4M
 - Engineering study estimates batteries capable of storing 6 to 8 Mw, implementation of 1Mwh of battery storage and integration of Pitkin Solar away
- Solar energy-based project is centered around the Aspen Business Center and includes the county, the Aspen airport, the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority and Holy Cross Energy



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Microgrids in Colorado

San Miguel Power Association Microgrids

- Funded through DOLA, who awarded \$1.1M to build two solar PV and energy storage microgrid systems
- System connected two crucial parts of the San Miguel County sheriff's department: the annex building in Norwood and the Ilium sheriff office near Telluride.
- This project centered around mission-critical loads (building lighting, receptacles, communications and internet, control rooms, IT servers and radio rooms, and protective custody and lock systems)
- Find out more at the Climate Webinar: [San Miguel County Clean Energy Projects](#)



Microgrid for Community Resilience Program

Feb 14, 2023



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Agenda

- About the CHP TAPs
- About Microgrids
- Project Snapshots
- How to work with the CHP TAPs



About the CHP TAPs



CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships

DOE CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships (CHP TAPs)

- **End User Engagement**
Partner with strategic End Users to advance technical solutions using CHP as a cost effective and resilient way to ensure American competitiveness, utilize local fuels and enhance energy security. CHP TAPs offer fact-based, non-biased engineering support to manufacturing, commercial, institutional and federal facilities and campuses.
- **Stakeholder Engagement**
Engage with strategic Stakeholders, including regulators, utilities, and policy makers, to identify and reduce the barriers to using CHP to advance regional efficiency, promote energy independence and enhance the nation's resilient grid. CHP TAPs provide fact-based, non-biased education to advance sound CHP programs and policies.
- **Technical Services**
As leading experts in CHP (as well as microgrids, heat to power, and district energy) the CHP TAPs work with sites to screen for CHP opportunities as well as provide advanced services to maximize the economic impact and reduce the risk of CHP from initial CHP screening to installation.



www.energy.gov/v/chp



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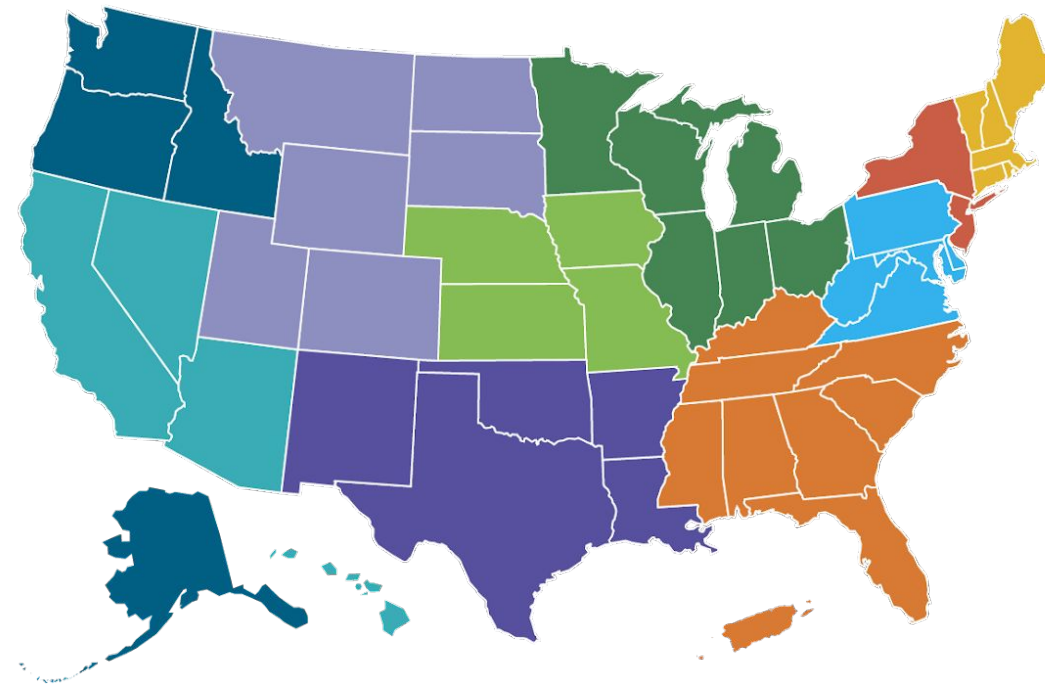
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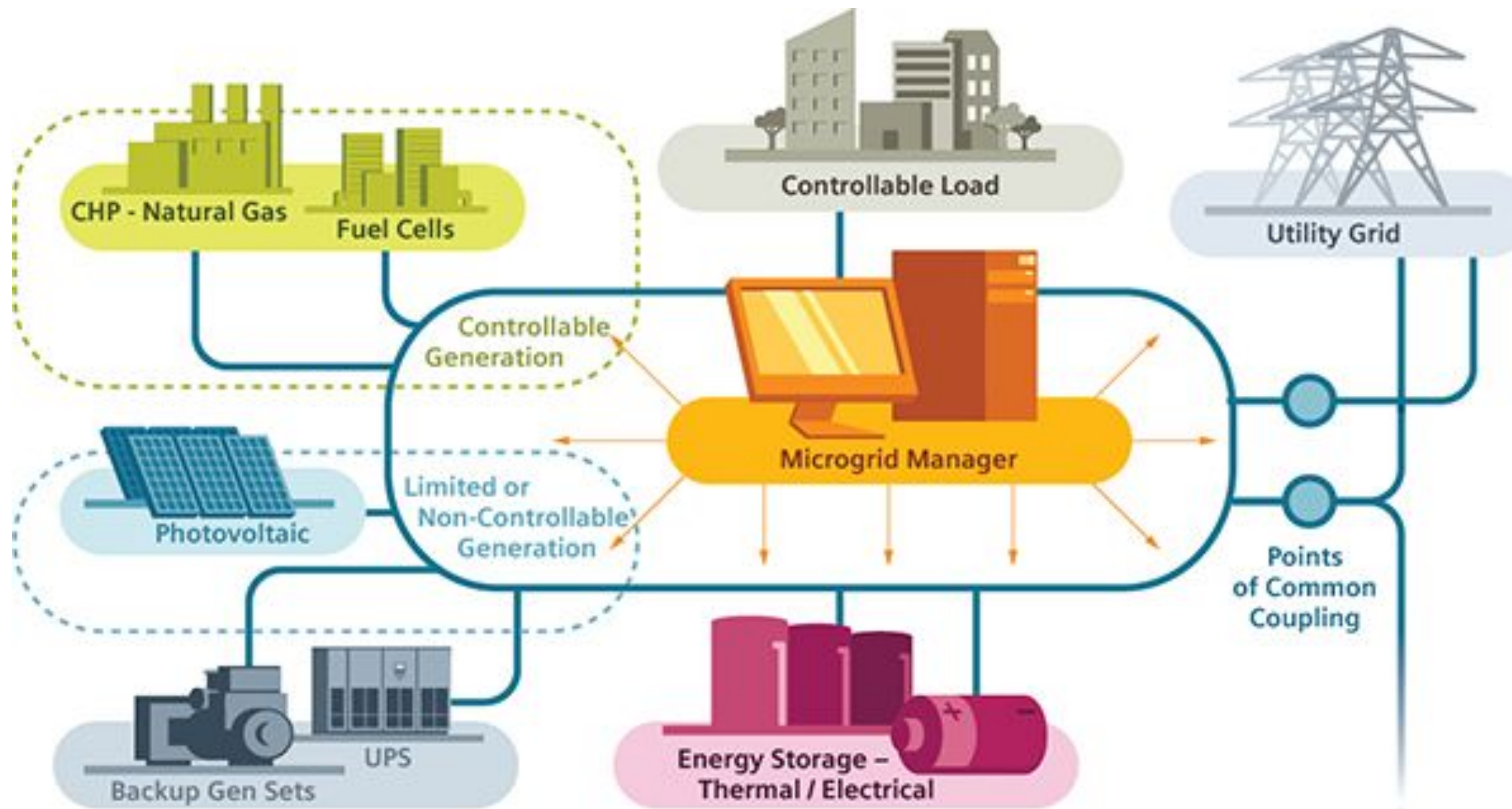
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About Microgrids

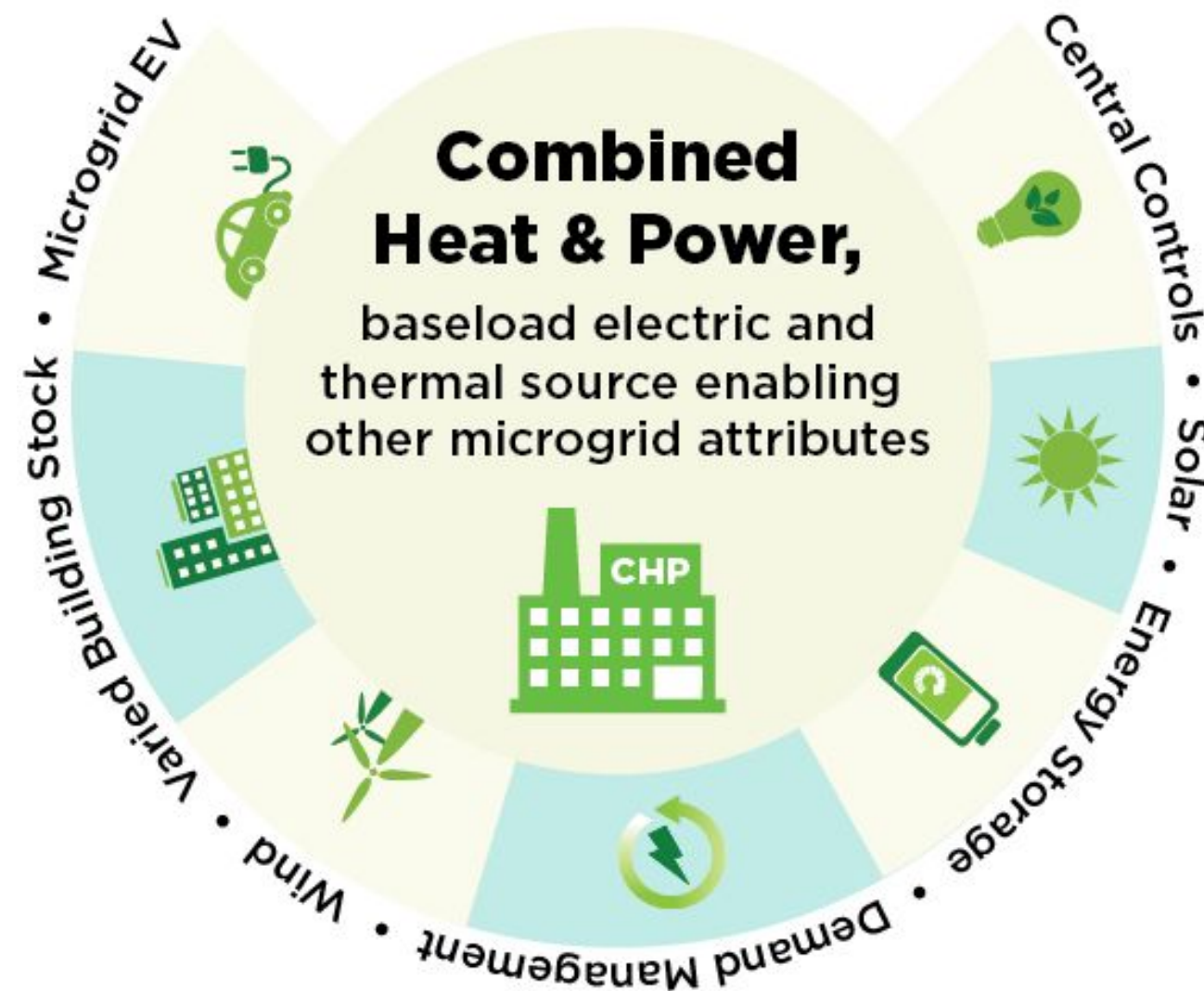


CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships

Microgrids Can Incorporate Many Technologies



CHP Can Enable Other Microgrid Technologies



- With a CHP system providing baseload electric and thermal energy, microgrids can add:
 - Solar and wind resources
 - Energy storage
 - Demand management
 - Central controls
 - Electric vehicle charging
- Flexible CHP systems can ramp up and down as needed to balance renewable loads and provide grid services



DER Technologies Work Better Together in Microgrids

- CHP can work together with PV, wind, energy storage, and other technologies in resilient microgrids with diverse resources and multiple value streams
 - Active management system with programmable logic controllers to strategically utilize all microgrid resources
- Compared to a single DER technology, a microgrid with multiple DERs can provide:
 - Stronger resilience
 - Higher operational flexibility
 - More use cases
- ***For utilities***, microgrids can offer locational value, increased grid reliability, power quality, ancillary services, and demand response functionality
- ***For end users***, microgrids provide reliable and resilient power with the potential for energy and emissions savings



Project Snapshots



Recent Projects Supported in Colorado

- Municipal buildings (1)
- Greenhouse facilities (2)
- Waste Heat to Power for Oil and Gas (4)
- Wastewater Treatment Plants (1)
- Multifamily building (1)
- Commercial building (1)
- Manufacturing plants (3)
- Recreation Centers (2)
- Military campuses (2)
- Hotels and Resorts (2)



Colorado College

Colorado Springs, Colorado



Project Snapshot: CHP Microgrid

Application	College/University
Capacity	245 kW (130 kW CHP + 115 kW PV solar)
Prime Mover	Microturbine
Fuel Type	Natural Gas
Thermal Use	Space Heating
Installation Year	2017

Project Highlights: The Tutt Library at Colorado College built what is believed to be the first net-zero academic research library in the United States. The CHP component of this microgrid provides the library additional resilience and lower operating costs.

Upper-West CHP TAP - https://chptap.lbl.gov/profile/45/ColoradoCollege-Project_Profile.pdf



The CHP microgrid system enables the library to save \$83,000 per year in utility bills.

Project Testimonial

“This project put into motion years of planning and actions intended to reduce Colorado College’s carbon footprint, and it has redefined our approach to achieving high-performance buildings by emphasizing collaboration and communication at all levels.”

– Mark Ferguson, Campus Operations & Plant Manager



CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships

New Belgium Brewery

Fort Collins, Colorado



Project Snapshot: Opportunity Fuel Utilization

Application	Beverage and Tobacco
Capacity	290 kW
Prime Mover	Reciprocating Engine
Fuel Type	Digester Biogas
Thermal Use	Digestion process
Installation Year	2014

Project Highlights: New Belgium uses its own wastewater to produce methane which powers two CHP engines that power brewery processes.

Upper-West CHP TAP -



New Belgium Brewery process water treatment plant with aerobic and anerobic digestion.

Project Testimonial

“Creating energy from our process water treatment plant is great because the fuel is created by a waste product. If you have the ability to use a free fuel source, it makes sense to take advantage of it.”

- Jenn Orgolini, Sustainability Director, New Belgium Brewing Company



CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships

Public Safety Headquarters

Gaithersburg, Maryland



Project Snapshot: CHP Microgrid

Application	Government Buildings
Capacity	865 kW
Prime Mover	Reciprocating Engine
Fuel Type	Natural Gas
Thermal Use	Heating and hot water
Installation Year	2018

Project Highlights: Following a 2012 derecho which left buildings across Montgomery County without power for days, the county decided to invest in a CHP + solar microgrid to replace existing standby generators.

Mid-Atlantic CHP TAP - https://chptap.lbl.gov/profile/135/MoCoPublicSafetyHQ-Project_Profile.pdf



The CHP system is accompanied with 2 MW of solar capacity. The combined solar and CHP capacity allows the facility to maintain an infinite backup capacity. *Photo courtesy of Montgomery County.*

Project Testimonial

“On a typical operating day at the PSHQ advanced microgrid, the combined heat and power system can provide up to 70% of the site’s energy from CHP with the remainder from on-site solar with very little utility power.”

- Eric Coffman, Chief – Office of Energy and Sustainability, Montgomery County



CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships

Burlingame Wastewater Treatment Plant

Burlingame, CA

Project Snapshot: 177 kW Biogas CHP System

Application	Wastewater Treatment Plant
Capacity	177 kW
Prime Mover	Reciprocating Engine
Fuel Type	Biogas
Thermal Use	Digester Heating
Installation Year	2006

Project Highlights: The generator currently supplies approximately 20% of the WWTP's electrical load. Renewable energy and NOx reduced 42% below limits. Total project costs, \$912,000. Annual Energy Savings: ~\$92,000. Incentive: \$160,000. PAYBACK: 8 years

Western CHP TAP -



The facility's treatment capacity peak flow is 5.5 million gallons per day (MGD) during normal operations and up to 16 MGD during wet weather operations.

“The Burlingame WWTF has been a pioneer in the effective way to run a public-private partnership for wastewater treatment operations since 1972. We view our commitment to CHP and innovative biosolids management as an extension of that work.”

-William Toci, Plant Manager



CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships

St. Helena Hospital

St. Helena, California

Project Snapshot: Fuel Cell

Application	Hospital
Capacity	400 kW
Prime Mover	Fuel Cell
Fuel Type	Natural Gas
Thermal Use	Space heating, hot water, steam & sterilization
Installation Year	2010

Project Highlights: The fuel cell at St. Helena Hospital produces 63% of the hospital's electricity requirements. During the summer, the fuel cell can provide 100% of the hospital's thermal loads. The system operates at capacity non-stop to provide energy to the hospital.

Western CHP TAP <https://chptap.ornl.gov/profile/215/st-helena-hospital.pdf>



St. Helena Hospital's fuel cell offsets 665 tons of CO₂ and 2.1 tons of NO_x annually, while saving the hospital \$170,000 in avoided energy costs.

Project Testimonial

"Fuel cells are a great choice for businesses that have 24/7 operational needs and the capability to maximize utilization of both the power and the heat generated. They are very efficient with a potential to achieve 60%+ when all of the waste heat is utilized."

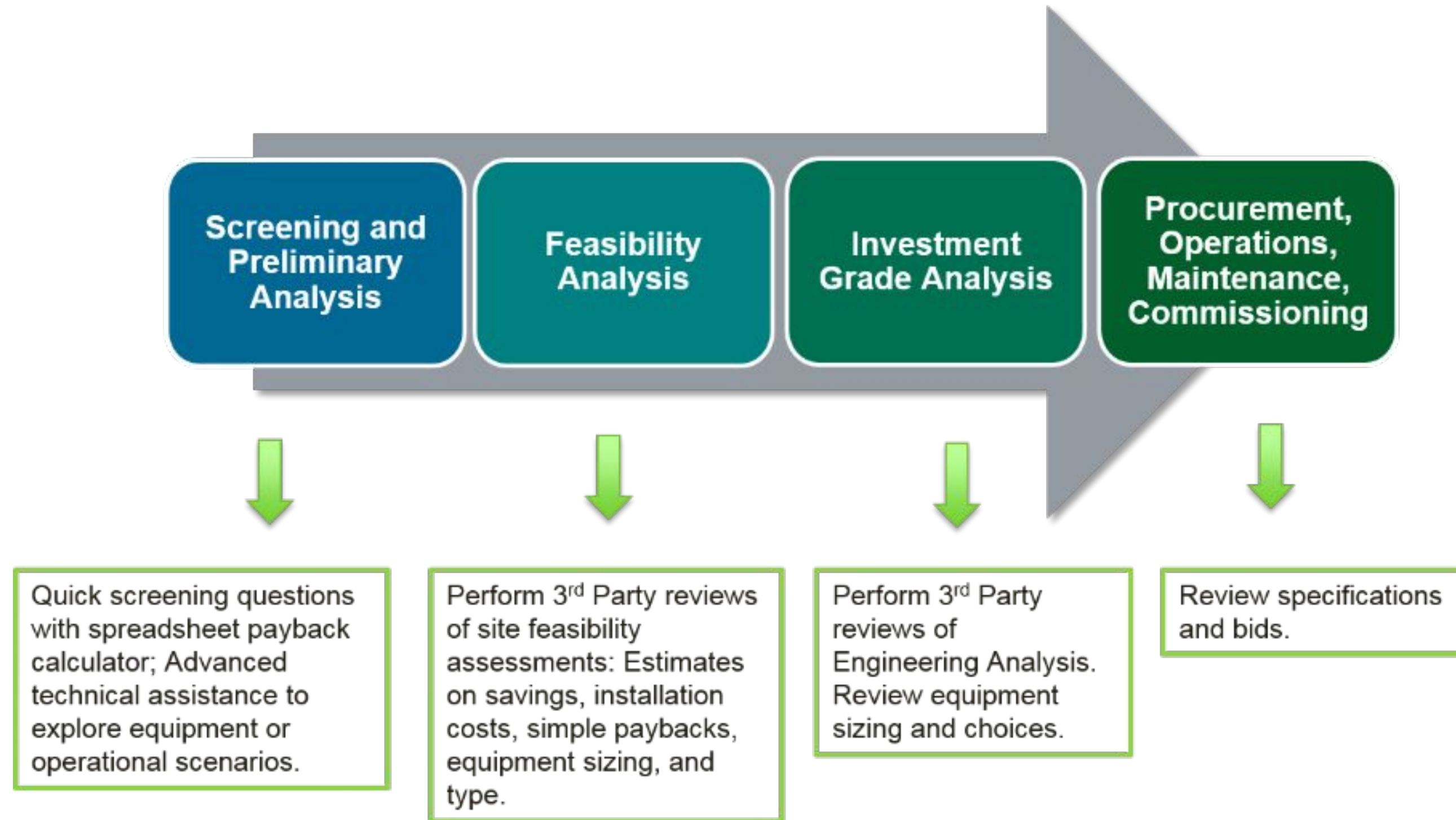
- Stan Tempchin, Director of Facilities, St. Helena Hospital



How to work with the CHP TAPs



CHP TAP Role: Technical Assistance



Site Survey

Site Questionnaire - CHP Qualification

Facility Name			Date:	
Site Contact	Contact Name:		Phone No.:	
	Title:		Fax:	
	Email Address:			
Project Location	City:		Region:	
	State:			

General

Facility Use	<input type="text"/>
Motivation for CHP	<input type="text"/>

Site Qualification Questions (Yes/No)

		Comments
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Are you concerned about the impact of current or future energy costs on your business?	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Are you concerned about power reliability? Is there a substantial financial impact to your business if the power goes out for 1 hour? For 5 minutes? History of blackouts?	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Do you have thermal loads throughout most of the year (incl. steam, hot water, chilled water, hot air, etc.)?	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Does your facility have an existing central heating or cooling plant?	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Do you expect to replace, upgrade, or retrofit central plant equipment within the next 3-5 years?	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Do you anticipate a facility expansion or new construction project within the next 3-5 years?	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Have you already implemented energy efficiency measures and still have high energy costs?	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Are you interested in reducing your facility's impact on the environment? Does your plant have any specific environmental targets or goals?	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Do you have access to on-site or nearby low cost fuel resources (i.e. landfill gas, farm manure, food processing waste, etc.)?	<input type="text"/>



CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships

Site Survey Cont.

Site Data Collection

- 1. How many hours per year does the facility operate? (hours) Or, ask about operating schedule - day/week, hours/day
- 2. What is your average power demand during operation? (kW), or
- 3. How much electricity do you use in a year, kWh?
- 4. What is your facility's primary thermal load (i.e., DHW, steam/HW space heating, process steam, cooling, etc.)
- 5. What is your average thermal demand? (MMBtu/hr), or
- 6. How much fuel (gas/oil/etc) do you use in a year? (MMBtu/yr, Therms/yr, etc.)
- 7. What is your current fuel price? (\$/MMBtu)
- 8. How much do you pay for fuel annually? (Dollars/yr)
- 9. What are the CHP Fuel Costs? (\$/MMBtu)
- 10. What is your average electricity price? (\$/kWh)
- 11. How much do you pay for electricity annually? (Dollars/yr)
- 12. What is the efficiency of your existing boiler(s)/thermal equipment? (%)
- 13. What is the efficiency of your existing chillers? (kWh/ton)

Notes:

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Preliminary Analysis for Heating

DOE TAP CHP Screening Technical Assistance

Gas Fueled CHP - Recip Engine, Microturbine, Fuel Cell or Gas Turbine Systems / natural gas, LFG, biogas

Note: The results of this screening analysis use average values and assumptions and should not be utilized as an investment grade analysis.

User Input Cells

Data from Site Survey or Utility Bill Analysis

Facility Information

Facility Name

Location (City, State)

Application

Date:

Loads

Site Operating Schedule

Annual Operating Hours of Site

Average Power Demand, kW

Annual Site Electricity Consumption, kWh

Total Annual Thermal Demand, MMBtu/yr

Average Hourly Thermal Demand, MMBtu/hr

CHP Operating Schedule

Annual Hours of CHP Operation

Average Power Demand during CHP Operation, kW

Electricity Consumption during CHP Operation, kWh

Thermal Demand during CHP Operation, MMBtu/yr

Avg CHP Addressable Thermal Demand, MMBtu/hr

Annual CHP Addressable Thermal Demand, MMBtu/yr

Site operating schedule (i.e., 24/7, 24/5, 16/7, 16/5 or Other) - Utility Bills Analysis worksheet

Average power demand during year - Utility Bills Analysis worksheet

Total annual site electricity use (from electric bills) - Utility Bills Analysis worksheet

Annual site thermal use (based on fuel bills) - Utility Bills Analysis worksheet

Annual site thermal use / annual site operating hours - Utility Bills Analysis worksheet

Schedule selected on Utility Bills Analysis worksheet

Hours with thermal loads conducive to CHP - Utility Bills Analysis worksheet

Utility Bill analysis worksheet

Annual site electricity use during CHP operating hours - Utility Bills Analysis worksheet

Utility Bill analysis worksheet

From User Selection on Utility Bill Analysis Worksheet - Sets CHP Sizing (**can be over-ridden**)

Addressable Thermal Load by CHP System - Utility Bills Analysis worksheet

Addressable Thermal Load (MMBtu/hr)

12 Month Thermal	Winter Thermal	Shoulder Thermal	Summer Thermal
1.25	2.81	0.87	0.49
4160	1,026	2,086	1,049

Avg Load
Hours

Energy Costs

Boiler/Thermal Fuel Costs, \$/MMBtu

CHP Fuel Costs, \$/MMBtu

Average Electricity Costs, \$/kWh

Percent Average per kWh Electric Cost Avoided

Standby Rate, \$/kW

Excess Power Sales Price, \$/kWh

Base Case

\$5.30

\$5.30

\$0.140

90%

CHP Case

\$5.30

\$5.30

90%

Annual electricity costs (demand and commodity) divided by annual kWh

Option 1 - Percent of average electricity costs per kWh saved by one kWh of CHP electricity - typically 70 to 95% (**set to zero if using Option 2**)

Option 2 - Monthly \$/kW standby charge based on CHP system capacity (**set to zero if using Option 1**)

Existing System

Displaced Thermal Equipment Efficiency, %

75.0%

Displaced onsite thermal (boiler, heater, etc.) efficiency (**can be over-ridden**)

CHP System

Sales of Excess Power (Yes/No)

Net CHP Power, kW

CHP Electric Efficiency Rate, % (HHV)

CHP Electric Heat Rate, % (HHV)

CHP Thermal Output - unfired, Btu/kWh

CHP Thermal Output - unfired, MMBtu/hr

Duct Burner Used (Yes/No)

Duct Burner Thermal Output (Avg Annual), MMBtu/hr

CHP Fuel

Duct Burner Efficiency, %

CHP Availability, %

Incremental O&M Costs, \$/kWh

Unfired Thermal Utilization, %

Total Installed Costs, \$/kW

No

44

29.3%

11,630

5,829

0.26

No

0.00

Nat Gas

95%

95%

\$0.024

100%

\$3,300

Default based on thermal match, but capped at average power demand unless excess power is allowed

May be less than CHP Addressable Thermal Demand (C30) due to Electric Capacity Cap (E47)

Drop down - must enter yes or no

Avg Addressable Thermal Load (C30) - Unfired CHP Thermal Output (E50)

Enter value if Duct Burner Used = Yes Typically 92 to 88%

Typically 93% for recip engines, 95% for microturbines and gas turbines

Amount of CHP available thermal captured and used - typically 80 to 100% - Utility Bills Analysis worksheet (**can be overridden**)

Preliminary Analysis for Heating Cont.

Annual Energy Consumption

Purchased Electricity, kWh
Generated Electricity, kWh
Generated Electricity Used on Site, kWh
Generated Electricity Sold, kWh
On-site Boiler/Heater Thermal, MMBtu/yr
CHP Thermal Used, MMBtu/yr
Duct Burner Thermal, MMBtu/yr
Total Thermal, MMBtu/yr
Boiler/Heater Fuel, MMBtu/yr
CHP Fuel, MMBtu/yr
Duct Burner Fuel, MMBtu/yr
Total Fuel, MMBtu/yr

Base Case

6,728,000
0
0
0
5,213
0
0
5,213
6,951
0
0
6,951

CHP Case

6,552,500
175,500
175,500
0
4,190
1,023
0
5,213
5,587
2,041
0
7,628

CHP Fuel Use Efficiency

175,500	CHP Electricity, kWh
599	MMBtu Electricity
1,023	MMBtu Used Thermal
2,041	MMBtu CHP Fuel
79.5%	CHP Fuel Use Efficiency (HHV)
0.59	Power to Heat Ratio

Annual Operating Costs

Purchased Electricity
Standby Charges (Option 2)
On-site Boiler/Heater Fuel
CHP Fuel
Duct Burner Fuel
Incremental O&M
Total Operating Costs
Excess Power Sales
Operating Savings

\$941,481
\$0
\$36,871
\$0
\$0
\$0
\$978,352

\$919,379
\$0
\$29,636
\$10,827
0
\$4,212
\$964,053
\$0
\$14,299

The purpose of this screening tool is to determine if a feasibility analysis should be undertaken. The system performance and financial data is based on rules of thumb and estimates of addressable thermal demand (heating/DHW) only during site operating hours. These results are not to be used for financial and/or project decisions other than whether to proceed to a more detailed feasibility analysis.

Simple Payback

CHP Installed Costs
Additional Costs
Federal Investment Tax Credit (Yes/No)
Avoided Equipment Credits*
Total Installed Costs with Equipment Credit Incentives**
Total Installed Costs less Incentives
Annual Operating Savings
Simple Payback, Years (w/o incentives)
Simple Payback, Years (with incentives)

Yes

\$146,546
\$0
(\$14,655)
\$0
\$131,891
\$0
\$131,891
\$14,299
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Additional costs over and above basic CHP system costs (e.g., fuel cleanup equipment)
Drop down Yes/No not in default
*Examples of avoided equipment credits are costs for planned boiler additions or back-up generators that are not needed with implementation of a CHP system
**Incentive payments based on kWh generated can be converted to an upfront payment based on total expected performance payments divided by system capacity

Operating Costs to Generate

Fuel Costs, \$/kWh
Thermal Credit, \$/kWh
Incremental O&M, \$/kWh
Total Operating Costs to Generate, \$/kWh

0.0617
(\$0.0412)
0.0240
\$0.044

Sensitivity Analysis - Simple Payback

Electric Price, \$/kWh		-15%	Base	15%	Fuel Price, \$/MMBtu
-15%		4.0	4.0	4.0	Simple Payback w/o ITC
Base		4.0	4.0	4.0	
15%		4.0	4.0	4.0	

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Additional Resources

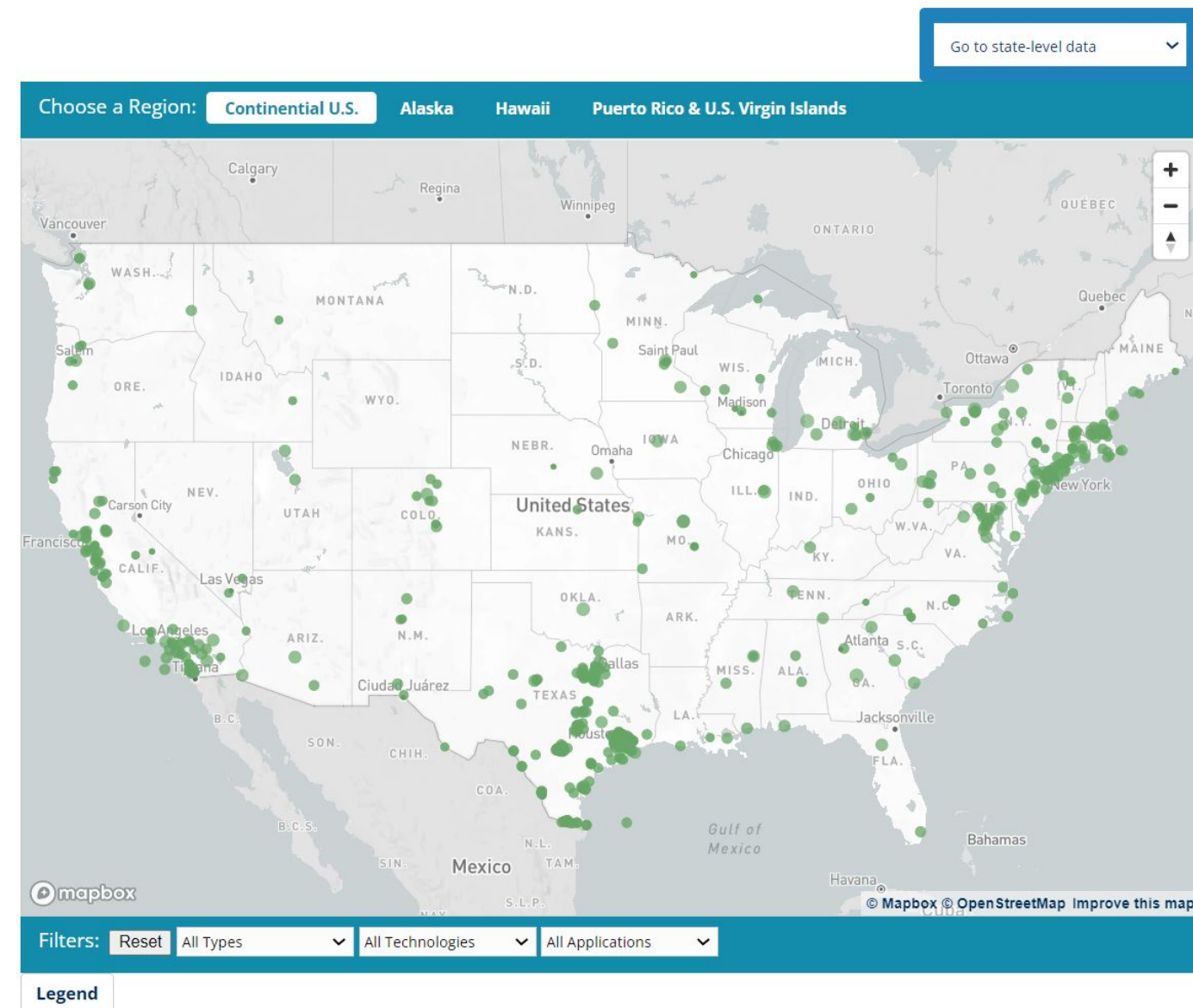
CHP Microgrids



Microgrid Installation Database



Microgrid Installations



■ In 2021, DOE Launched the Microgrid Installation Database website

- How are CHP systems and other Distributed Energy Resources (DERs) like solar and storage used in microgrids?
- Database tracks microgrid installations across the U.S. with information on system sizes, locations, technologies, and fuels used
- Over 680 microgrids with 4.3 GW total capacity
- Market trend analysis
 - *Microgrid applications*
 - *Technologies used*
 - *Resilience benefits*
 - *Common technology combinations*

CHP and Microgrid Databases April 1 – June 30, 2022

- Over 940 users/month
- Over 1,300 sessions/month
- Over 2,770 page



CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships

CHP Microgrid Resources

- **U.S. Department of Energy** www.energy.gov
 - **CHP Technical Assistance Partnerships**
<https://betterbuildingssolutioncenter.energy.gov/chp/chp-taps>
 - **Better Buildings CHP for Resilience Accelerator**
<https://betterbuildingssolutioncenter.energy.gov/accelerators/combined-heat-and-power-resiliency>
 - **DG for Resilience Planning Guide: Microgrids 101**
<https://resiliencegide.dg.industrialenergytools.com/microgrids>
 - **DOE Office of Electricity: How Microgrids Work**
<https://www.energy.gov/articles/how-microgrids-work>
 - **Microgrids at Berkeley Lab** <https://building-microgrid.lbl.gov/>



CHP Microgrid Resources (continued)

- **International District Energy Association**
<https://www.districtenergy.org/home>
- **Microgrid Resources Coalition** <http://www.microgridresources.com/home>
- **The Microgrid Institute** <http://www.microgridinstitute.org/>
- **Microgrid Knowledge** <https://microgridknowledge.com/>
- **HOMER Energy** <https://www.homerenergy.com/>



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February 23, 9AM-10AM - [Zoom registration](#)

March 22, 10AM-11AM - [Zoom registration](#)





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